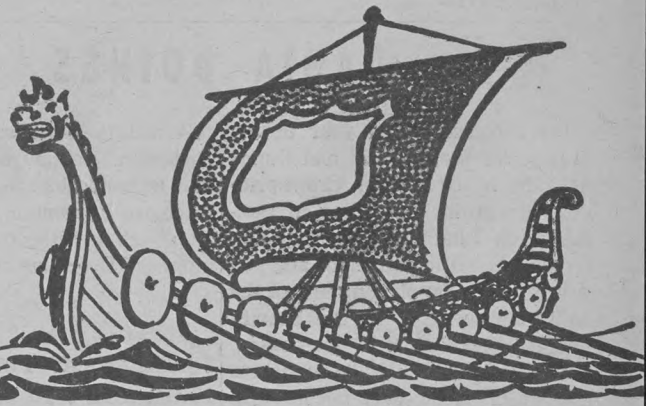


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Summer Festivals

SYTTENDE MAI FEST

The 153 Anniversary of Norway's Independence (May 17th) was celebrated by Solglyt Lodge on May 13, at the Scandinavian Centre.

The evening began with a Social Hour and Banquet, with Ragna Sivertsen giving the Blessing. The Head Table Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arne Johanneson (Norwegian Consul), Alderman Ed Ledger, Mr. Coburn (Director of Libraries), Mr. and Mrs. Knut Svidal, Mr. Arnfinson (from the Scandinavian Centre Board), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lineham, Mrs. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Harv. Haugen.

After the Banquet the Sunray Lodge "Saga" Dancers and Marchers put on a March and Norwegian Dance display, which was enjoyed by all. Four members of the group (Inez Hovde, Donna Bukvi, Sandra Golden and Sonja McBride) came forward and presented a four volume Encyclopedia, entitled "Norge", to Mr. Coburn. The books were donated, by the Sons of Norway Lodge, to the Centennial Library.

SCANDINAVIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

The Scandinavian Cultural Society will be holding a meeting at the Scandinavian Centre on Tuesday, June 6th at 8:00 p.m. The Minister of Youth has promised to give a short talk on the work of his Department, and a film will be shown. We hope there will be a good attendance by members of each of the five groups, as this promises to be an interesting evening.

CENTENNIAL YEAR

VISIT EXPO

SCANDINAVIAN FEATURES SUMMER FESTIVALS

Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden this summer offer visitors from all parts of the world a choice of festivals more varied than ever before. One of the added delights is that so many of them are held outdoors, thus giving the audience also the exhilarating experience of "white nights", midnight sun and unpolluted air.

The world-famous Copenhagen Tivoli Gardens open their gates on May 1 for a season this year lasting till September 17. This being Copenhagen's 800th Anniversary year it is evident that fireworks and festivities in this center-of-the-city Paradise will be as elaborate and lavish as imaginable. Admirers of Scandinavian design may see the latest creations between May 18-23 as the Scandinavian Furniture Fair opens the Danish section at Bella Centre, the Norwegian section at the Forum (May 20-23) and the Finnish section at the same time, same place. For romanti cand rare experience a visitor might go to the town of Ribe, famous for its red-tiled old houses and its storks. The Tulip Festival is held there May 20-21. Then, the colorful Viking Festival in Frederikssund near Copenhagen from June 17 to July 2. The lovely Hans Christian Andersen Festival in Odense from July 9 to August 8. In September from 3-11 the fascinating Old Town Open-air Museum in Aarhus will be brought to life.

Prior to these events, however, there is the D-Day of the Jubilee Celebrations on June 15 with dancing in the streets, music and singing in Town Hall Square and giant fireworks both in Tivoli and from the rooftops of nearby tall buildings. On June 16 "The largest table in the World" will be laid in the mile-long street of Stroegat, open only to pedestrian traffic. Beer, coffee, milkshakes and Town Hall pancakes will be served. American Independence Day is traditionally held on July 4 in Rebild National Park near the city of Aalborg. Between August 15-31 the world famous Royal Danish Ballet puts on its own festival combined with a comprehensive philharmonic program.

In Finland, this summer, a tourist also has a wide choice of fes-

five entertainment, beginning on Walpurgis Night, April 30, when the academic students hail the arrival of spring throughout the country. Between May 15-28 there are festival performances by the National Opera and Ballet in Helsinki, and on June 4, Flag Day of the Finnish Armed Forces will be marked by parades which also emphasize the fact that 1967 is the 50th Anniversary of Finnish Independence. Midsummer Eve and Midsummer Day, June 23-24, are enhanced by bonfires; music and dancing throughout the country. The Opera Festival opens at the medieval Olavinlinna Castle in the city of Savonlinna, 210 miles north-east of Helsinki. On the program are Handel's "Water Music", produced outdoors on the sound in front of the castle, built in 1475. Beethoven's opera, "Fidelio", is another attraction. Festival time is between July 15 through the 18th. The Second International Jazz Festival will be held in Pori from July 14-16. Pori is situated 150 miles northwest of Helsinki. The 40-man 3rd U.S. Air Force Band is one of the many foreign participants.

The year ends in Finland with the glory of Independence Day Festival on December 6. While the main festivities will take place in Helsinki, there will be parades in various other cities as well.

Between May 25 and June 11, Norway will again entertain thousands of visitors with its traditional International Festival in the colorful, Hanseatic city of Bergen. The Bergen Symphony Orchestra, the Gewandhaus Orchestra from Leipzig, the Deutsche Oper Am Rhein from Duesseldorf are on the program while Igor Oistrak and Vladimir Ashkenazy give recitals on May 30 and June 8, respectively. On June 2, a company from the Royal Danish Ballet opens a three day session, followed as of June 5 through June 7 by the Norwegian

Opera Ballet's performances of "Swan Lake", and productions by George Balanchine and August Bournonville. The National Scene will produce "The Wild Duck" by Henrik Ibsen, open its stage to The Black Theatre of Prague and the Malmo (Sweden) City Theatre as well as to the Czechoslovak Marionette Theatre. These events will fill most of the months of May and June.

In addition there are a variety of permanent or temporary art exhibitions, solo recitals, poetry readings and choral concerts. Several Scandinavian jazz groups will add to the festival spirit of Midnight Sun Norway, where ballads sung by visiting Swedish troubadours will be heard in the hallowed halls of Troidhaugen. This beautiful mansion is the home of the late Edvard Grieg and is easily reached from Bergen after a short trip. Another center for the festival programs in Bergen is Hakonshallen, 700-years-old historic structure, steeped in memories of the nation's colorful past.

Sweden, too, arranges festivals in many cities throughout the country but the main event is still the Stockholm Festival, the 15th in order. It will be held between September 5-25 this year and will be opened by the Royal Swedish Opera with a guest appearance of Brigit Nilsson as "Tosca". The Stockholm Opera also presents the new British opera "The Mines of Sulphur" by Richard Rodney Bennett. Elisabeth Soderstrom, soprano, will sing the leading part. The Glyndebourne Festival Opera will give four performances at the Drottningholm Court Theatre. There will also be six concerts by the Stockholm Philharmonics and the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sergiu Celibidache, Antal Dorati, Dean Dixon and Herbert Blomstedt. Chamber music and choir concerts are other points on the rich program. One of the major events during the Festival is "Theatre 67", arranged in co-operation by Swedish and German stages. Thus, September 10-15, leading German dramatic theatres will perform at the Stockholm City Theatre and the Royal

Dramatic, which also will contribute their own productions. Moreover, guest appearances from Germany and Bucarest will take place on the Stockholm Puppet Theatre. There will also be a special film festival arranged by two of Sweden's major producers.

During the light and lovely summer all four Scandinavian countries will arrange international regattas, numerous sports events. Flag Day celebrations, special days to mark their close relations with America, etc.

For further Festival information, address your inquiries to: Scandinavian National Travel Offices, Scandinavia House, 505 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017 or 612, So. Flower Street, Los Angeles, Calif. 90017.

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NEW SAFETY DEVICE

A Calgary man, G. R. Kendall, has designed and developed a simple yet effective safety device, the use of which could help materially reduce the number of accidents involving bicycles, motorcycles, scooters, trailers, farm machinery and other vehicles which are operated at a comparatively low speed.

Introduced to the trade under the name of Tiger Lite, the unit consists of two three-inch reflectors mounted on spring steel. When attached to the vehicle, it vibrates with the motion of the vehicle the instant it gets underway. The vibrating movement is such that it automatically increases the size and range of the reflectors, and the bobbing, weaving light attracts immediate attention.

The new product is being manufactured by Advance Industries, the workshop of the Calgary Association for Retarded Children, and production has reached the stage where Tiger Lite now is available for marketing on an extensive basis.

DANIA DOINGS

Don't forget to get your tickets in time for the Banquet and Dance held in honor of the Crownprincess Margrethe's wedding in Denmark, on June 10th. The last day for tickets will be June 5th and you can get them by phoning any of the board-members or at the Scandinavian Centre at \$4.00 per person. There will be absolutely no tickets sold at the door, only people with the Banquet tickets will be eligible to enter. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. We hope you will attend, it should be a grand evening and we are sure you won't regret that you came. So remember at the Scandinavian Centre. June 10th, at 6:30 p.m.

"BIKUBEN'S" Ladies has been quite busy of late what with all the big and little things they are busy making for a Bazaar in October, we have lots of fun doing these things and we hope we shall have many come out to the Bazaar when the time comes. What about it Ladies, come to our meeting on June 19th, at 8:00 p.m. — 10029 - 85 Avenue and maybe you have some good ideas for us too.

NEWS FROM THE DANISH CHURCH

The Danish Ambassador Bogh Andersen and Mrs. Andersen from Ottawa, will visit Edmonton for a few days and will arrive Sunday, June 18th. For that reason, the Danish Church and the Danish Society will arrange a lunch at the Scandinavian Centre, Sunday, June 18 at 1:00 p.m., where we will get an opportunity to meet and

talk with the Ambassador and Mrs. Andersen. He has also expressed, that he would like to meet as many Danes in Edmonton as possible, so let us all get together in a great number. Everyone is welcome.

SUMMERCAMP FOR CHILDREN FROM AGE 6 TO 14 YEARS

The Danish Churches in Edmonton and Calgary will go together this year in arranging a summercamp for children. It will be from August 12th to 19th at the Lutheran Camp at Sylvan Lake, not far from Red Deer. The price is set as low as \$15.50, the same as last year although all other prices has gone up. The childrens summercamp has been at Moonlight Bay for the last 15 years, but before that time, it was held at Sylvan Lake. There is room for about 80 children at Sylvan and we would like 40 from Edmonton and 40 from Calgary. The leader of the camp will be Rev. O. Filtenborg, and Mrs. Anna Jensen head of the kitchen. Other helpers at the camp will be Mrs. Nanna Knudsen, Mrs. M. Holm-Pedersen, Mrs. AnneLise Larsen, Mrs. Grethe Norlander, all of Edmonton. From Calgary, Rev. Staal Nielsen, Mrs. Staal Nielsen, Mrs. Karen Petersen, Nurse Ruth Aakerberg and Agnes Sorensen.

Entry forms and further information can be obtained from Rev. O. Filtenborg, 469-6123 and Mrs. Nanna Knudsen 434-6883 in Edmonton and Rev. Staal Nielsen ph. 289-7230 in Calgary.

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June 4	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation, bilingual service.
June 11	10:00 a.m.	English service. Holy Communion.
June 18	10:00 a.m.	Danish service. Holy Communion.
June 25		(uncertain if service)
July 2	8:00 p.m.	Danish service by Rev. Staal Nielsen, Calgary.

Rev. Filtenborg will be away from June 19th to July 15.



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FINNISH SOCIETY



FINNISH FOOTNOTES

Following are the names of some of the executive of Finnish Society. Please make a note in case of correspondence or inquiries. Secretary-treasurer, Mr. Onni Virtanen, 13520 - 104A St., phone 479-8185; president, Mr. T. Salomaa, 9942 - 149 St., phone 489-3157; membership, Mr. Paul Karvonen, 8849 - 92 St., phone 469-7007.

The pot-luck supper and dance held in May was very successful. Many thanks to all the people who helped in any way to make the evening an enjoyable one. Special thanks to ladies.

Pastor G. A. Koponen of Vancouver was in Edmonton recently. While here he spoke to Finnish people at Augustana Lutheran Church on May 4th.

Speedy recovery to Miss Rita Salomaa who was in Hospital recently.

A surprise birthday party was held in honor of Mrs. Sirkka Nahkuri on May 8th. Many friends came to wish happy birthday to Mrs. Nahkuri. During the evening a gift and flowers were presented to Mrs. Nahkuri.

Miss Eija Salminen arrived recently from Finland. It is hoped that she will enjoy living in Edmonton, and that she may have good luck here in Canada.

Mrs. Eva Luhtala sends greetings from Finland to all her friends in Edmonton.

Mrs. Laura Ramo visited Edmonton recently.

Many Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Luoma who donated the "Kahvikattila" to Finnish Society.

A surprise house warming party was held on May 13th to Mr. and Mrs. L. Vagovics of 10746 - 151 St. A gift and flowers were presented to the young couple by Mr. J. Ramo on behalf of their many friends.

Finnish Society will hold the annual "Juhannuskokko" picnic at Lac LaNonne, Willow Bend Beach on June 24th, 1967. Games and all the usual fun will be topped with the midnight bonfire.

Centennial Dance, sponsored by Finnish Society, will be held on October 20th at the Scandinavian Centre, Viking Room. Circle the date in your calendar, and plan to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Karvonen are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Lisa Ann, on May 17th at the General Hospital, weight 8 lbs.

BUFORD NEWS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Johnson on the birth of a baby girl on April 23rd in the Leduc Hospital.

Some fifty friends and relatives of Mr. A. Beck gathered at the Kulm School one Saturday in April to celebrate his 80th birthday. He was presented with an electric tea kettle. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Erickson and son Ronald and Mr. Art Erickson of Bruce were out-of-town guests at this affair.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Engberg. Dennis' father, the late Mr. J. A. Engberg passed away in the Leduc Hospital on April 23rd.

There was a good attendance at the annual Smorgasbord, Program and Dance held on April 21st in the Calmar Hall.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. Wold who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on April 22nd. In honor of the occasion they held open house at their home on Sunday, April 23rd. Several Lodge members called to extend their congratulations.

Carol Pearson has completed her two years Teachers Training at the U. of A. She is now interning at the East Elementary School at Leduc for six weeks. Congratulations Carol and we all wish you luck and hope you enjoy your chosen profession.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Lefsrud attended the Legion Convention in Innisfail one Sunday in April.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Eklund were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lindberg and daughter Lois of Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Hoyem's daughter, Susan, had a lucky break — she spent two weeks touring the Western States and going south as far as Mexico, with her uncle and aunt Mr and Mrs. Ben Forsberg and cousin Audrey.

On April 30th the families of Mr. and Mrs. Algot Pearson entertained at a dinner at the Juniper Inn, Nisku to celebrate a special occasion, their parents 40th wedding anniversary.

Parents ... Please note that there will be a Children's Week at the Pigeon Lake Camp from July 9th to 16th, for interested children.

Maureen Modin and Sandra Pearson were confirmed on Sunday, April 30th at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Calmar. Avis and Clair Pearson are the godparents of both girls.

The 18th Biennial Convention of District 18, Alberta, will be held on June 24th and 25th in Calgary.

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Avis and Clair Pearson and Tony Lefsrud were elected delegates from this Lodge with alternate delegates Albin and Wanda Markstedt and George Modin.

Take notice — The Annual Picnic sponsored by Scandia Lodge will be held on June 4th at the Vasa Camp, Pigeon Lake.

The following have been recent out-of-town visitors:

Mr. and Mrs. George Modin visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lundstrom at Edberg and the Erickson families at Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Dixon visited the Emil Sandstroms and Leslie Lindbergs at Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pearson and Ellen Pearson visited Goody's folks Mr. and Mrs. J. Bergo at Ardmore.

Mrs. Clair Pearson and Carol Visited Avis' mother, Mrs. M. Benson at Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Hoyem spent a weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Westermarck of Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Modin and family spent the Mothers' Day weekend at Vermilion at the home of Peggy's brother and family Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ganton.

On Saturday, May 6th, Floyd Modin and Axel Modin attended the Scandia Lodge's May Meeting in the Scandinavian Centre, Edmonton.

COPENHAGEN

A WORLD CITY. 800 YEARS OLD
THIS YEAR

When Bishop Absalon founded the castle of Havn on the Sound in 1167 he was moved, primarily no doubt, by considerations of the site's immediate strategic importance, but the eight centuries of subsequent development show that he must also have thought of the future when choosing the site. Today's Copenhagen has in many respects an international reputation, but it did not get it without effort. By international tourist standards, there are many cities that are richer in beauty and natural settings than Copenhagen; nevertheless Copenhagen ranks high among tourist centres, and its citizens have, over the centuries, turned Absalon's brilliant choice to good account by creating a city where old and new harmonize.

Danny Kaye, with his song "Wonderful Copenhagen", did much to establish the city's name with tourists, but the flattering adjective would have meant little without some solid basis in fact. However that may be, Copenhagen has an ever-growing number of tourists, in astonishingly many cases paying return visits.

Municipally, the steadily rising stream gives rise to some problems, among them that of hotel accommodation. A special effort is being made to tackle this problem with a view to the 800th anniversary year, when a record number of tourists is expected. But it is not only in regard to tourism that Copenhagen is a world city.

It is known also as a commercial and industrial city, and as an international traffic centre. Tourism has something to do with the latter, of course, but that alone does not make Copenhagen Airport at Kastrup the fifth-largest in Europe. Copenhagen's good, central situation has caused our airport to become a much-used gateway for traffic to and from northern Europe, and there seems to be routed through Copenhagen. In addition there is the still fast-growing air freight, which has a great future before it.

Thank to its situation — thanks, that is, to Bishop Absalon — Copenhagen is still capable of further development, however, is the establishment of a permanent link across the Sound between Copenhagen and Malmo via the island of Saltholm. This connection will provide the basis for a great inland port on both shores of the Sound. Through cooperation between the individual ports within the area, it will be possible to offer better facilities and so further develop the excellent position already enjoyed by ports on the Sound.

The connection between Denmark and Sweden will, as stated, cross the island of Saltholm, which lies east of the present airport at Kastrup. In a foreseeable future, this will be too small for the rapidly growing traffic.

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA

CHILDREN'S WEEK

Regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia was held May 6, at 7:10 in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Peter Johnson was in the chair.

Visitors included District Master Floyd Modin from Buford Lodge, and Mr. and Mrs. Stonehauer from Lethbridge Lodge.

Members reported under Doctors care were John Enger, Julius Hober, and Helge Forsberg.

Children's Week at Vasa Park will be held from July 9 to 16. Any member may send their children, ages six to fourteen. Please remember that the number of children will be limited, so register early to avoid disappointment. The co-leaders, Mrs. D. Johnson, 433-6150, and Mrs. Pearson, 455-5988, will be glad to register your children, or give information on the camp.

The new Land Committee consisting of Ed Bergquist, Willard Modin, Eric Pierre, and Lennart Petersson, have a busy season lined up. It was hoped to get most of the interior of the clubhouse finished over the May long-week-end. The purchase of a tractor mower for cutting the grass at the lake has also been approved. Each property owner at the lake will be charged three dollars to help pay for the general upkeep of the area.

The Valborgs Dance was reported as successful. Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves, and no financial loss was incurred.

The District Bowling Tournament was not a success financially but a good time was had by all who attended.

As you no doubt know, a drive for new membership is in progress this year. To facilitate this objective, a Membership Committee has been appointed. Margaret Eliasson, Eric Pierre, Willard Modin, and Magnus Pearson are its members. If you know anyone who would like to join the lodge, contact one of the above.

The delegates to the District Convention to be held in Calgary, June 24 and 25, are: Eric Pierre, Eric Engvall, Linnea Lodge, Peter Johnson, Betty Pearson, and Don Johnson. The alternates are Magnus Pearson, Doris Gemeroy, and Ed Bergquist.

Coffee and a delicious lunch were served after Bingo by, Lois Anderson, Vi Watson, Irma McMaster, and Margaret Engvall.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, June 3, at Vasa Park. Remember the new time for all regular meetings at Vasa Park is now 7:30 p.m. A dance will be held after the meeting.

VASA LADIES AUXILIARY

The last meeting of the season for the Ladies Auxiliary was held May 10, at the home of Svea Erickson. It took the form of a large birthday party to honor the five ladies who have their birthdays in May. Martha Kay had made a lovely cake for the occasion. Lin-

nea Christensen was the winner of the towel raffle.

The ladies are busy quilting in the home of Elsie Simmons.

A home Baking Sale has been arranged for September 9 at Simpson Sears', Park Plaza Store.

The next meeting will be held in September, the date to be arranged, at the home of Mrs. Anna Sund.

RAUL NYROOS HONORED

An active member of Vasa, Raul Nyroos, was honored May 6, before he left for a new job and surroundings at Castlegar, B.C. Raul will take on the responsibilities of a flying instructor at the local airport. A presentation of a suitcase and a pewter mug was made by Lennart Petersson on behalf of Raul's many friends. Vi Watson presented a desk set, in recognition of the work Raul has done with the Children's Club. An original poem, by Evelyn Modin and Betty Pearson, highlighting Raul's life was read. All was followed by coffee and cake, and best wishes for Raul in his new surroundings.

FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY PARTY

A surprise fiftieth birthday party was held for Bill Kay, May 6. A presentation of money was made by Margaret Eliasson. Bill was quite amazed to hear his life passed before him in the form of a poem, written by Evelyn Modin and Betty Pearson. Among the many friends gathered to honor Bill were, Mrs. J. G. McMillan (Ida Christeniansen) of Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Chorley of Edmonton, and Bill's cousin Shirley, and her husband Vern Ludwig, of Edmonton.

VASA GLIMPSES

On April 8, the wedding of Gale Milton Hughes, and Lynda Lou Robinson was solemnized at North Surrey United Church, with Rev. J. Ferry officiating. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Correll, 1312 - East 8 Ave. Vancouver, B.C.

Some out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Pearson of Edmonton (grandparents of the groom) Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pearson, Sandra and Kimberley, of Anaheim, California, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Hughes of Port Alberni, B.C., Mrs. Mons Eliasson of Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. G. Chittleborough of Edmonton, Mrs. Helen Riley of Kamloops, B.C.

The bride and groom honeymooned in California before taking up residence in Vancouver.

Best wishes are extended to Lilly Taylor, who was wed May 20 to Mr. Boyer at the Scandinavian Centre.

Inez Cooper, sister of Lilly Taylor, was in Edmonton recently for her sister's wedding. She also visited friends and relatives while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Mons Eliasson are at present staying with Glen and Audrey at 12132 - 135A Ave. Their phone number is 454-6357.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Comin have moved to suite 6, 10025 - 152 St. New phone number is 484-6345. Elsie's mother, Mrs. Rautio, is living at the same address.

President Al Arnason, of the Edmonton Icelandic Society, and his executive have been busy making arrangements for the annual picnic which will be held this year on Sunday afternoon, June 11th, starting at 1:00 o'clock. A change of location has been made and approval in general has been given that the location, in the Pat O'Brien Memorial Park near the river, on the edge of Devon town, is a happy choice. Excellent facilities are installed, and the generosity of the citizens of Devon in granting the use of their picnic site is to be commended. The planning committee is to be very active giving details of food, fun and transportation to all those interested in coming along, so plan now on attending this annual and pleasant get-together. Coffee for the grown-ups, and treats for the children will be provided. Everyone is expected to bring his own lunch. We hope the weather man will give his best co-operation. A swimming pool nearby, and excellent golf course will be available to those wishing to indulge.

Visitors to the Henrickson home during the past month have been their daughter and grandson, Mrs. Bryan Henning, and Shaun of Calgary, who were in Edmonton for about two weeks. Also breaking their interesting tour for an overnight stop, were Mr. and Mrs. Kari Bardal, cousins of Mr. Henrickson. Mr. Bardal was fortunate in winning an all expense trip to Palm Springs, from their home in Brantford, Ont., and made a detour north to visit his five brothers, and other relatives in Vancouver, B.C., and Edmonton. They are quite impressed with the look of expansion in Edmonton and the west.

Mr. Frank Hirst, of Hay River spent five days in Ottawa last month, assisting in the organizing of the Fishermen's Co-operative in Hay River.

Mr. Alec Stefansson, of Inuvik was a patient in the Chas. Cammell hospital recently, where he underwent a successful kidney operation.

Birthday greetings are sent out to Mr. Don Shaw, on June 2nd; to Mrs. Walter (Beulah) Arason, June 12th; to Mrs. Ingibjorg Alderdice on June 15th. May joy and good health be yours this coming year.

Mrs. Rosemary Chase, Jody, and Christine motored from their home in Fort McMurray seeking medical attention for the baby, and were visiting at the home of her brother, Leif Oddson and family. Also visiting his sister, Lucille Oddson and family, was Cpl. Gene Rousseau, who is stationed at Cold Lake, where he is with the radar tower detachment.

Edmonton's Icelandic nonagen-

ICELANDIC NOTES

arian, Mr. Sigurjon Isfeldt, was the guest of honor at an afternoon coffee party at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Restrict, on April 25th, his ninety-third birthday. He was in high spirits over the many good wishes and friendly concern, able to enjoy his party, although somewhat impaired in his eyesight and hearing. He makes his home with his daughter, Emily, Restrict and welcomes the visits of his friends and acquaintances.

On the sick list are Mrs. Pearl Valgardson, who is recuperating from major surgery, in the General Hospital, where she spent nine days following her operation. She wishes to express appreciation for the affection shown by the cards, flowers and visits of her friends while she faced the ordeal, and all are happy to know she is recovering nicely. Mr. Bill Halldorson has been forced to spend some time in hospital for tests and study. We hope the medical fraternity will be able to help his illness and set him up as good as new again.

Mrs. Bertha Key, of Qualicum, B.C. was a house guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sumarladason, while she attended the wedding of her grandson, Mr. Albert Iampen, to Miss Kathleen Fuelkell on Saturday, May 13. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Iampen of Fawcett, Alta. The young couple will make their home at Swan Hills where he is employed. The reception was held at the Bonaventure Motor Hotel.

Congratulations to Miss Gail Mitchell on her success as a collector for the Winnifred Stewart School for the Retarded, during the "Blitz" on behalf of fund-raising for their new school. It is understood that Gail with her enthusiasm, and energy was among the top collectors, for she is well-acquainted with the need for this new type of training school, which will be the first of its kind in Canada. Miss Mitchell is presently a teacher in the school.

Mr. Steve Benediktson was a visitor, on business to New York, and took the opportunity of visiting Expo while on his way home. He joins all other visitors in stating that Canada is staging a magnificent exposition, the greatest ever. He was able to visit the Icelandic section of the Scandinavian Pavilion, met the attractive young lady guide, who conversed in excellent English, and described the theme of Iceland's exhibit, "A Volcanic Island Uses Its Geothermal Resources". — This is well-expressed by way of murals, and shows the many uses of the abundant hot water springs throughout the island. The Midnight Sun Restaurant in connection features the many delightful dishes from Scandinavia, and was well patronized

while he was there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Mitchell motored to Vancouver and Victoria for a week refreshing holiday. Their son Todd was with the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell on Grandview Drive.

Mrs. Vigga Einarson of Winnipegosis arrived May 20th to spend the summer with her son, Victor, in Ste. 9, 8408 - 105th St., and her daughter, Mrs. Connie Oli Hagen and son-in-law and family. She motored here from Brandon with her son-in-law, Mr. Chris Erickson, and his daughter Elaine who stayed about two weeks enjoying the Edmonton scene. Mr. Victor Einarson is the popular manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia on Whyte Ave. at 5th Street.

Mr. Victor Janssen spent two weeks in the East on business for his provincial government office of economic branch of the Department of Agriculture. He attended a conference on Federal-Provincial Economic Statistics, which was held in a Chalet in the Laurentians near Montreal. The entire personnel was bussed into Expo on two-evening occasions and at the close he was able to visit the Island site again. He reports a considerable time spent in standing in line, but the overwhelming excellence of the entire project minimizes the inconveniences. Of all the major pavilion exhibits and Canadian shows, he was most impressed with the Canadian Telephone display, which is an advanced demonstration of the scope and possibilities of combined camera techniques to bring together a display quite unusual for viewing. Later, he was in Ottawa for a day, on business, returning via Air Canada.

Sunday afternoon, April 30th was a gala day in the history of the Edmonton Icelandic Society, Nordurljos, when Mrs. Ninna Campbell was installed as the reigning Fjallkona for the coming year.

To the strains of rhythmic march music, played by Mrs. Della Roland the president, Mr. Al Arnason escorted Miss Shirley Thorsteinson to the platform, followed in turn by the flag bearers, dainty little flower girls, princess carrying decorative corsages, page boys with gaily waving flags, crown bearer, with the satin pillow and crown and finally the costumed Maid of the Mountains, escorted by Mr. H. M. Sumarladason.

As each approached the chair of honor, curtsies and formal bows were made to the out-going Fjallkona, and then each one proceeded to a designated place on the platform. The entire company created a tableau of memorable beauty, while the members of the choir were arranged suitably to provide accompanying music throughout the ceremony. Several selections, including quartettes, were given also.

Informative and inspirational talks were given on Leifr Eirickson, Vilhjalmar Stefansson, and the early settlers from Iceland in Can-

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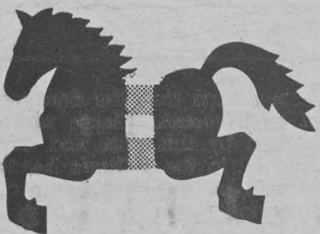
The Sons of Norway Junior Lodge held a concert on May 10 at the Scandinavian Centre. The programme was interesting and varied, with the following Junior Lodge Members taking part; Danny Lineham, Leonard Hopland, Donna Bukvi, Karen Cook, Marvin Golden, David Oyen, Sandra Golden, Inez Hovde, Dave Hawryliw, Dennis Bukvi, Susan Clark, Don Isert, John Borgerson, Warren Clark and also the Junior, Intermediate and Senior "Saga" Dancers.

A guest Artist, George Scivoletto played accordion, after which his Uncle came on stage and presented the Door Prize, which was 2 months accordion lessons (with use of an accordion for that length of time). The Door Prize was donated by the John Scivoletto Accordion Studio and was won by Helen Taarnes.

ada. These talks were delivered by Messrs Steve Benediktson, Mr. Gunnar Thorvaldson, and Mr. Leifur Oddson. Mrs. Viola Wallbank sang an S. K. Hall composition, and Miss Hildur Bjarnason led some young boys in a pageant of loyal expressions. Before relinquishing her office, Miss Thorsteinson reviewed the many successful events taking place during her term, and placed the crown on the head of the newly elected Fjallkona, who addressed the audience in both English and Icelandic.

Those participating in the pageant are as follows: Stevie and Susan Benediktson, Donna Cameron, Margaret and Neil Campbell, Louise Chmelyk, Mary-Lou Eaman, Kathy, Eric and Leif Oddson, Gary, Cindy and Cathy Thorvaldson, Arlene Valgardson, Wendy and Billy Walbank. The committee responsible were Mesdames Arason, Smith and Shaw. A sociable coffee party followed the program, when the new Fjallkona received the well-wishes of the audience. Mrs. Alex Mitchell was in charge of the lunch arrangements.

As a footnote, your reporter wishes to sympathize with the printer for the error which crept into our last issue wherein your humble reporter was elevated to the office of president of the Scandinavian Centre, where the excellent letter from the president was inadvertently signed with the wrong name, which should have been Mr. W. G. Halldorson, newly elected president. For a brief moment, the thrill of so great an honor was soon dissipated in the thought of the consternation caused in all offices from the reporter to the Editor-in-Chief. Our sincere apologies, Bill. We know the Centre will be well served by your presidency.



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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLUB

Bingo was the highlight of the evening when the "Norske Venskap Klubben" held its monthly get-together on May 8. The required stipulation of these meetings is that no language but Norwegian be spoken once the Club Room is entered.

The lucky winners were Ruth Wibe, Inger Borgerson, Hilma Bukvi, John Iverson, Hazel Hawirko, Betty Haugen and Irene Lagergren.

The last meeting of the summer will be held on June 12 with Hazel Hawirko and Hilma Bukvi (ph. 489-2853) in charge of the evening. The meetings will resume again on September 11.

Miss Aase Haukeness was called forward by the Master of Ceremonies, Harv Haugen, and was presented with a Life Membership pin and Certificate by president, Joseph Lineham.

Through the evening Irene Hovde rendered several solos and joined Joe Lineham, Stan Hafso, and Harv Haugen in Norwegian Songs, which everyone was invited to sing-along. A dance rounded out the evening with music by Carl Elstrand.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 24 — Mid Summer's Eve (St. Hans Fest) picnic at Laurier Park — area No. 1 — 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The supper will be Pot Luck.

July 22 — Klondike Dance — Scandinavian Centre.

Ragna Sivertsen visited her sons in Calgary the first weekend in May. She was at her Granddaughter's (Janet) fifth birthday party. They went bowling and even the three year old tried his hand at it.

Clarence and Mary Rikstad had a send-off party for their Son, Keith, who is to work in a Gold Mine at Yellowknife for 3 months.

Stephen (Joe) and Johanna Reno's grand-son, Private Gary Donald, is home on leave prior to his departure in July for Egypt, where he will be stationed for one year.

Best wishes from the Lodge Members to:

Lydia Naverseth who was a patient in the University Hospital recently; and Min Strand, Financial Secretary, who is in the Misericordia Hospital.

Robert Sivertsen stayed at the Chateau Lacombe for 2 days recently while attending a Convention.

Congratulations are in order for Bernard and Kae Olafson on the birth of their daughter, Janice, on April 15 — 6 lbs. 1 oz. A sister for John.

New address for:
Ed and Elva Veis — 14219 - 73 Street.
Ragna Sivertsen — 10406 - 97 Avenue, Suite 3.
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Alma Halberg is in the Tofield Hospital after having a fall. She cracked a bone in her elbow and leg. Best wishes to you Alma.

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BOWLING BANQUET and DANCE

Solglyt's Bowling Banquet and Dance was held at the Riviera Motor Hotel on May 6.

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HISTORY TO BE WRITTEN

The Reverend Dr. Sverre Norborg of Chicago, nationally known Norwegian - American author, clergyman, and historian has been commissioned by Sons of Norway to write the Society's history in preparation of the fraternal order's Diamond Jubilee in January, 1970. Founded in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1895, Sons of Norway is the largest fraternal organization of

Americans and Canadians of Norwegian birth, extraction or affiliation. Since its inception, Sons of Norway has served a total membership of close to a quarter of a million men and women.

Over the last forty years, Dr. Norborg has been a leader in American organizations among the Norwegian-born citizens of this country. He is an alumnus of Oslo University where he received his Doctor's degree in philosophy after graduate studies in Germany and Great Britain. His teaching years were spent on the faculties of University of Minnesota, Augsburg and Macalester Colleges, respectively in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. His ministry has comprised pastorates at The Cathedral of Bergen, Norway; The Norwegian Seamen's Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. and The Norwegian Memorial Church, Chicago, Illinois.

During the Second World War, he headed the Office of Special Studies in The Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D.C.; followed by service as Regional Head of United Nations' Relief and Rehabilitation Administration with offices in Copenhagen, Denmark. He is the recipient of H. M. King Haakon's Liberty Cross, the Knight's Cross, First Class of the Royal Norwegian St. Olav Order, The Danish Red Cross War Medal and The Immigrant League of Chicago Award. A prolific writer, Dr. Norborg is the author of some twenty books on philosophy, political science, theology and history, printed in six languages. His most

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LAND UNDER THE POLE STAR

A Voyage to the Norse Settlements of Greenland and the Saga of the People that Vanished.
By Helge Ingstad. Translated from the Norwegian by Naomi Walford. St. Martin's Press, New York; Macmillan of Canada, Toronto, 1966, 381 pagas, illus. \$10.95.

Reviewed by HARALDUR BESSASON

The present work deals with the settlement in Greenland, founded by Eiríkr the Red about A.D. 985. This subject has given rise to scholarly debate which has centered mainly upon the unknown fate of the Greenland settlers. For centuries they were in sporadic communication with other parts of the world, but about 1500 the last echoes from this remote outpost seem to have died out. Did these people finally succumb to bitter living conditions and pestilence? or were they slain or absorbed by their neighbours, the Eskimos? Mr. Ingstad believes that some of the last Greenlanders emigrated to Norway in the 15th century and that a few of them went to England a little later.

On the whole, Mr. Ingstad's presentation is filled with arctic vigour, and his book can certainly be counted among the most fascinating accounts published about Greenland. The author has the ability to place himself in the position of the people he is writing about, and in doing so he has considerably shortened the distance between the readers and the little-known, but nevertheless interesting subject. Many illustrations of high quality enhance the appearance of this attractive volume.

A few criticism are in order: The author appears to have overlooked the fact that two ancient sources (**The Book of the Icelandic Settlements** and **The Book of the Icelanders**) suggest that Eiríkr the Red was born in Iceland about A.D. 930. One of these works contains two different accounts of Eiríkr's father and his arrival in Iceland. A discussion or comparison of these two accounts and an attempt to evaluate their relative historical trustworthiness is highly relevant to this problem. Even though this question cannot be settled here, it is evident that Mr. Ingstad's chronology of 10th century events, with Eiríkr the Red's date of birth fixed at about 950 in Norway, must be rejected, if for no other reason than the birth of Leifr Eiríksson himself (Leif the Lucky) could then have fallen on a later date than his explorations into the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. Ingstad deserves special recognition for emphasizing the factual element in **Graenlendingasaga** (The Saga of the Greenlanders). According to this source Bjarni Herjólfsson became the first man to discover the Western Hemisphere.

That discovery again lead to the subsequent explorations of Leifr Eiríksson from Greenland to this continent. The acceptance of this source makes it necessary to reject or at least modify parts of the accounts of the other major source on Greenland and Vinland, viz. **Eiríks Saga rauda** (The Saga of Eiríkr the Red). This has not been

carried out in the work under review.

The author could have been more specific in his account by using the words "Icelander" and "Greenlander" in lieu of the vague "Norseman". Iceland became a republic more than half a century before people from there founded the Greenland settlement. When leaving Iceland, these people were "Icelanders". However, they became "Greenlanders" (not to be confused with the "Skraelings" — the indigenous people) after they had settled in Greenland. This is borne out by a reliable account from about 1122 (Ari the Learned's **Book of the Icelanders**). From that time comes also the account **maintaining that the Greenlanders had met Skraelings in Vinland**. Mr. Ingstad has therefore gone too far in the preface to his book (c. IX) in his claim to the authorship of the theories that "the Norsemen discovered the New World" (he uses the expression "my theories" etc.). If the term "Norsemen" comprises both "Icelanders" and "Greenlander" — and this it must do if it is to accommodate both Bjarni Herjólfsson and Leifr Eiríksson — then these theories are more than 840 years old; or, in other words there never have been any theories in this regard, because the factual element of the sources in question has never been seriously doubted.

Finally, there is a minor complaint regarding the translation of Mr. Ingstad's book which readers with some knowledge of Scandinavian languages will doubtless share with the reviewer. This concerns the source material which is presented here in an English translation of a Norwegian translation from Icelandic. This is, for instance, obvious in the treatment of names of books and people. Thus, there are references to **Flatoyboka** instead of the well-known **Flateyjarbok**, and **Tore** instead **Thorir** (p. 35) to mention only two examples of many. The intermediary language tends inevitably to divert the readers' attention from the main subject, and it also creates a wrong impression of the provenance of the sources.

Mr. Ingstad enjoys world renown for his recent archeological re-

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recent best-seller "Hans Nielsen Hauge", a biography of Norway's great social reformer, met with the unanimous acclaim of the critics as a monumental contribution to historical research.

Sons of Norway, with more than 40,000 members in the United States, Canada and Norway, takes great pride in having secured this eminent author and specialist in Norwegian-American affairs as the chronicler of our organization, Conrad Garmager of Rockford, Illinois, President of the Minneapolis-based international fraternal insurance society stressed when announcing the news. "We are indeed fortunate to have Dr. Norborg tell the saga of Sons of Norway which last year alone was joined by more than 4,000 new members and increased its insurance sales during the recent biennial period with 109 per cent", Mr. Garmager added. "Our Society runs a wide scope of cultural and humanitarian programs including scholarships, Norwegian language camps and classes, instruction in folk dancing, art exhibits, and promotion of general Norwegian interests this side of the Atlantic. We are certain Dr. Norborg in his excellent way will present the complete story of the contribution of Sons of Norway not only to the Norwegian-American community as such, but also to the progress of North America in these fields since the turn of the century", Mr. Garmager concluded.

Dr. Norborg stated that he was very enthusiastic about his assignment which, in his opinion, will serve to focus the attention on the impact of Sons of Norway in the American fraternal beneficial scene and reflect the all-important dimension added to the Norwegian-American life by the Society.

search in Newfoundland. Because of his high reputation, his books on the ancient European-American relations must be read more carefully, and at the same time with a more critical eye, than similar works by other writers.

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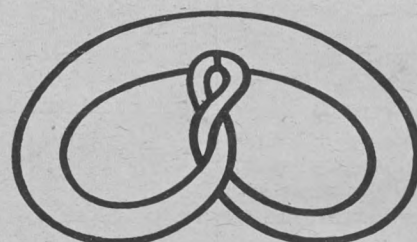
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At Expo '67, Scandinavia's food, design and friendliness can all be sampled in the joint Scandinavian Pavilion, and attractive Scandinavian hostesses will be there to answer all travel questions and provide appropriate literature at an information booth sponsored by the Scandinavian National Travel Offices. Their objective: to spur Expo visitors to continue on to Scandinavia this year or next.

The Scandinavian Pavilion was designed by a group of architects representing each of the Scandinavian countries, and its main constructional elements were prefabricated in Scandinavia. Each country has its own national section in the square, three-storey building which rests on slender steel pillars over a garden. But all exhibits in the \$3 million pavilion, blend harmoniously, and express Scandinavian unity. Moving ramps lift visitors to the first floor, where indoor and open-air restaurants serve Scandinavian specialties and information offices are located.

The information people play a key role here, because the many striking exhibits tastefully arranged in the pavilion's 27,225 square feet represent but a smattering of the delights scattered over Scandinavia's 450,000 square miles, and the four countries' scenic wonders can't be duplicated in an exhibit of any size. The travel information hostesses, dressed in colorful folk costumes, will try to fill the gap by telling Expo '67 visitors how to complete the Scandinavian picture with personal visits to Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

To inspire you to ask questions, Scandinavia has provided some of its most charming young ladies as hostesses, including Miss Scandinavi a1967, 20 year-old Satu Ostring, a striking, dark-haired beauty. For the sake of Scandinavian harmony, no issue is made about which Scandinavian country she is from, but she has four sisters, all beauty contest winners, too, in Finland.

The Scandinavian delicacies in food and drink at Expo '67, will remind you of the hundreds of restaurants in Scandinavia, large and small and in all price ranges, many offering spectacular views with their meals, where even more fabulous dishes are served.

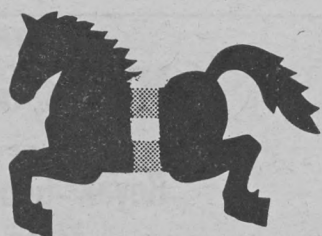
The pavilion, too, will show the world's largest ryijy rug, with more than 300 marvelous shades in some one million knotted tufts, and the hostesses will be able to tell you where in Scandinavia, you

can buy similarly beautiful furnishings of more practical size and price, and they will draw attention to the Scandinavian Design Cavalcade in October, when the newest designs in glass, silver, ceramics, furniture, textiles and handicrafts are introduced, as well as to the year-around opportunities for shopping and behind-the-scenes tours of famous workshops.

The Scandinavian's role in the arts, science, agriculture, trade and industry will be shown in other exhibits, and the hostesses will tell you about the fascinating museums and festivals devoted to Grieg, Sibelius, Munch, Hans Christian Andersen and Strindberg and the life-seeing tours which reveal the secrets behind Scandinavia's many other achievements.

The biggest challenge to the travel information hostesses will be in getting across in words what must be seen, the scenic wonders Expo '67 can only hint at. These include the charms of Denmark's fairy tale countryside of thatched roofed houses and storks nesting on chimney tops; the sparkling beauty of Finland's 60,000 lakes; the majestic fjords, mountains, waterfalls and Midnight Sun of Norway, and the folklore-rich provinces and exotic Lapp regions in Sweden.

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Four Alberta girls have been named as guides to the Western Canada Pavilion at Expo '67. Miss Ilonka Halpern, 11311 - 109A., and Miss Marilyn Pilkington, of 11404 - 58 Ave., both of Edmonton; and Miss Cecile Denise Danaïs, of 308 24 Ave. S.W., and Miss Dee Comeau, of 811 - 15 Ave. S.W., both of Calgary, have been appointed Alberta members to the 16-girl guide staff. Four are nominated from each of the western provinces.

Miss Pilkington, student at the University of Alberta, has won many scholarships and awards for services with the Students' Union. She is vice-president of the Students' Union for 1966-67 term, as well as holding many other offices in university activities.

Miss Halpern is librarian assistant with the University of Alberta. She has been active in athletic programs and has served as a swimming and gymnastics instructor.

Miss Danaïs, a laboratory technician with the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary, is past president of a section of the Young Christian Students, and a member of the Canadian Society of Laboratory Technicians. She was active in student activities in St. Boniface, where she lived prior to taking up residence in Calgary.

Miss Comeau, educated in McLenann, Alberta, was active in student affairs while at school, and is secretary to the local C.Y.O. group. She is employed with a trust company in Calgary.

All guides are fluent in both English and French. Miss Danaïs has some proficiency in Italian, while Miss Halpern speaks German and Dutch in addition to French. They have taken correspondence training to acquaint them with the story of Western Canada, historically, socially and economically. All guides will be responsible for answering queries from visitors, about the west in its entirety and not only those referring to the province in which they have resided.

In Montreal they have had further training before taking up their duties at the Western Canada Pavilion for the exhibition which opened April 28.



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